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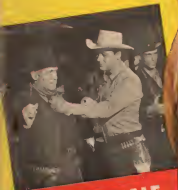
IN

*The*

# VANISHING WESTERNER

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**MONTE HALE**  
RIDES A THRILL-PACKED TRAIL IN  
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BIG NEW WESTERN



A Fawcett Publication



**PERIL STALKS  
THE PLAINS**

IN

**THE VANISHING  
WESTERNER**

**A REPUBLIC  
PRODUCTION**



# THE VANISHING WESTERNER

starring

**MONTE HALE**

with

PAUL HURST  
ALINE TOWNE  
ROY BARCROFT

Associate Producer Melville Tucker

Written by Bob Williams

Directed by Philip Ford

An Adaptation of  
**A REPUBLIC PICTURE**





# WESTERNER

*starring* MONTE HALE as **CHRIS ADAMS**



THE SOUND OF A BUSHWACKER'S BULLET AND A STIFLED SCREAM COMBINED TO TELL THE FATE OF ALL THOSE WHO ENTERED BROKEN BOW! YET THERE WAS A DECEPTIVELY PEACEFUL AIR ABOUT THE TOWN AS THOUGH TO MASK THE EVIL THAT RULED IT! HOW COULD A WANDERING WADDIE KNOW THAT TO TURN DOWN THE INVITING TRAIL TO BROKEN BOW WAS THE FIRST STEP TO A SWIFT AND TERRIBLE DOOM?

ANOTHER WANDERING COWHAND FINDS HIS WAY TO THE CITY OF DEATH!

BROKEN BOW!  
I HEAR TELL A GOOD  
COWHAND CAN ALLUS  
LAND HIM A RIDIN'  
JOB HEREABOUTS!



A JOB? SURE, SON! YOU  
GO DOWN AN' SEE THE  
SHERIFF, JOHN FAST!  
HE FINDS JOBS FOR  
LOTS OF FELLERS!

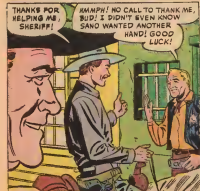
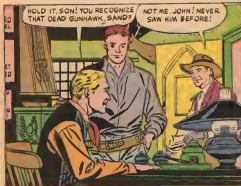
THANKS, MISTER!  
I AIM TO DO  
JUST THAT!



HOWDY, SHERIFF! I'M BUD  
THURBER, LOOKIN' FOR  
WORK! FOLKS SAY YOU  
KNOW ALL ABOUT THE  
JOBS HEREABOUTS!

HMM! WORK'S SCARCE  
THIS TIME OF THE YEAR,  
BUT COME IN  
ANYHOW!

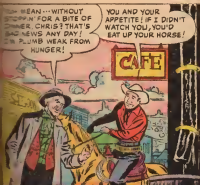




MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES SOUTH, CHRIS ADAMS AND HIS FRIEND, WALDORE WORTHINGTON, HAVE PICKED UP SOME WAITING MAIL...



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I DON'T GET THIS A-TALL! THERE AIN'T BEEN A MAN NEAR THE BUNKHOUSE TONIGHT! I SURE HOPE THERE AIN'T TROUBLE!



I GOT A LITTLE CHORE FOR YOU, BUO! BUCKLE ON YOUR GUN AND COME ALONG!

G-GUN? ULP... LOOK, MR. SANDERSON, I RECKON I BETTER TELL YOU... I AIN'T MUCH OF A HAND WITH A GUN! I GET N-NERVOUS!



DON'T WORRY BUD! I GUARANTEE YOU WON'T HAVE TO DO A BIT OF SHOOTING!

GEE, THANKS! THAT PLUMB RELIEVES MY MIND!

**And SO THE YOUNG COWPOKE IS LED INTO THE HILLS...**



H-HOWDY, MISTER ART! IT SURE SEEMS FUNNY, EVER'BODY KINDA HIDIN' UP HERE LIKE THIS, OVER THE TRAIL...

IT WON'T WORRY YOU LONG, BUD! HAND OVER YOUR GUN! I WANT TO CHECK IT!



UHP! G-SURE... BUT YOU SAID I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SHOOT!

YOU WON'T! ANY SIGN OF THEM, ART?



NO! ARE YOU SURE THE OLD FOOL, ALEXANDER, HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT TAKING THE CATTLE MONEY HOME?

ALEXANDER HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND IN FIFTY YEARS! HE'LL BE ALONG!

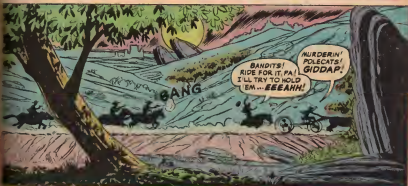


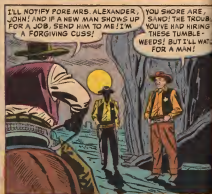
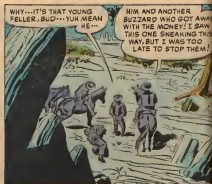
ALEXANDER? AIN'T HE THE FELLER THE SHERIFF TALKED ABOUT, WHO'S CARRYIN' A LOT OF MONEY WITHOUT A GUARD?

YOU'VE GOT A GOOD MEMORY, BUO! I'LL KINDA HATE TO SEE YOU LEAVE US SO SUDDEN!



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EARLY THE NEXT AFTERNOON, IN TOWN...

STAY OUT, YUH MOOCHIN!  
NO-GOOD LUNCH GRABBER!

TCH-TCH! THAT  
POOR MAN SEEMS  
MIGHTY  
UPSET!



LET ME HELP YOU  
UP, FRIEND!

THANKS! IF YOU AREN'T BUSY  
STICK AROUND FOR A FEW  
MINUTES TO CATCH ME, IN CASE  
I COME OUT SORTA RUSHED  
AGAIN!



WHY YOU...!  
I WARNED YOU!



WHEN I CATCH YOU,  
I'LL...OOPS!



TAKE IT EASY,  
FRIEND!

SORRY, BUT YOU WERE YOU...  
MAD ENOUGH TO KILL YOU...  
HIM! I'LL PAY YOU'LL  
FOR THE DAMAGE! NEED YOUR  
MONEY FOR THE  
DOCTOR BILLS  
WHEN I GET  
THROUGH WITH YOU!



EASY, FRIEND! EASY  
NOW! LISTEN TO  
REASON!

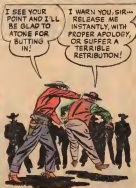
YOU'LL LISTEN, BUD...TO  
THE RINGIN' O' YOUR OWN  
EARS!

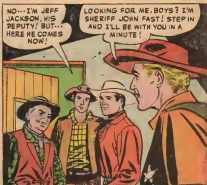
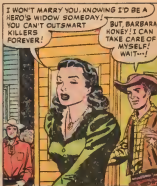
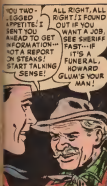


TAKE  
THAT!

MUNCH-MUNCH! NOTHIN' WHETS  
A MAN'S APPETITE LIKE A  
GOOD-CHOMP-CHOMP  
FIGHT!









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LATER, IN THE BUNKHOUSE...

HMM! I SUPPOSE YOU  
STEAMED THIS OPEN  
AND READ IT,  
ADAMS!

SURE! I LIKE TO  
KNOW WHAT  
FOLKS SAY  
ABOUT  
ME!



TAKE OVER,  
ART! YOU TWO  
STAND QUIET!

HOLD IT, SANDERSON! I GUESS  
MAYBE WE DON'T WANT JOBS  
AFTER ALL!



WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?  
DON'T YOU  
LIKE BEING  
SEARCHED?

MAYBE  
THAT'S IT!  
JUST  
FORGET  
THE WHOLE  
THING!



THAT JUST  
WHETS MY  
APPETITE!  
TAKE HIM,  
BOYS!

I WARN YOU, SIR...IF IT  
WEREN'T FOR THAT GUN,  
YOU'D REGRET THIS  
OUTRAGE!



THAT'S  
FOR  
LUCK!

HURRY AND SEARCH  
HIM! HE'S A WILDCAT  
TO HOLD!



WELL, WHAD'DAYUH  
KNOW! I HIT THE  
JACKPOT!

WE COULDN'T ASK FOR  
BETTER CREDENTIALS!  
YOU'RE HIRED, BOYS!  
LET THEM GO!



SORRY ABOUT THE LITTLE  
SCUFFLE, CHRIS! NO HARD  
FEELINGS!

ONLY  
ONE!





THE NEXT MORNING...





AN HOUR LATER...

CHRIS, YOU  
AINTIN' TO GO  
THROUGH  
WITH THIS...  
THIS...?

DON'T BE A  
CHUMP,  
WALDORF! IF  
SAND WANTS  
THE SHERIFF  
KILLED, WHY HAVE  
IT DONE IN DAYLIGHT  
IN HIS OFFICE? I'M  
PUZZLED!

SOME KILLER...  
GOIN' MURDERIN'  
WITH AN  
EMPTY  
GUN!

THE INTERESTING THING  
IS, WALDORF, THAT THE  
GUN *ISN'T* EMPTY! I  
WONDERED WHAT HIS  
GAME WAS!

CLICK!  
CLICK!

THIS IS WHY SAND  
KEPT OUR GUNS  
OVERNIGHT... SO HE  
COULD EMPTY THE  
POWDER OUT OF  
ALL THE SHELLS!

UH-OH! AND  
WE'D GET  
THROWN IN  
JAIL FOR  
TRYIN' TO  
SHOOT THE  
SHERIFF WITH  
AN EMPTY  
SHELL!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S  
THE ANSWER EITHER!  
WE'D BETTER RIDE  
ON BEFORE OUR  
BODYGUARD UP  
THERE GETS  
NERVOUS!

SAND SURE AIN'T  
TAKIN' ANY CHANCES  
... BUT IF HE JUST  
WANTED US IN JAIL,  
HE COULDA TURNED  
US IN LAST NIGHT!  
I'M STUMPED!

CHRIS, I SURE HATE TO  
GO INTO A THING LIKE  
THIS, SUFFERING FROM  
HUNGER! COULDN'T  
WE...

YOU *AREN'T* GOING INTO IT!  
YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH  
THE HORSES WHILE I PLAY  
OUT THIS LITTLE  
GAME!

JOHN  
FAST  
SHERIFF

I GOT A BETTER IDEA,  
CHRIS!... JUST GET ON  
OUR HORSES AND  
MAKE TRACKS FOR  
SOMEWHERE ELSE  
A LONG WAY  
OFF!

HOPE! I LIKE PUZZLED  
TOO WELL TO BACK OUT  
NOW! WAIT HERE!

ADAMS! WHAT'S  
THE MEANING  
OF THIS?

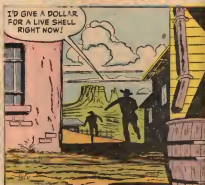
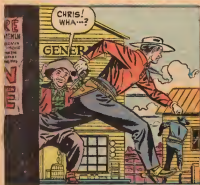
DON'T ASK ME, SHERIFF...  
BECAUSE I JUST PLAIN  
DON'T KNOW!

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CHRIS IS MARCHED BACK TOWARD THE OFFICE ...

I MADE A MISTAKE, SAND!  
I UNDERESTIMATED YOU!

THAT WASN'T YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE, ADAMS! ED, GO FIND HOWARD GLUMM AND TELL HIM HE'S GOT MORE BUSINESS!

HERE'S HIS GUN, JEFF! ONE SHELL FIRED! I GUESS THAT TIES IT!

YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT GUN WON'T EVEN SHOOT! POINT IT RIGHT AT ME AND PULL THE TRIGGER, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT!

WALDORF, YOU IDIOT! GO AHEAD! TRY TO SHOOT ME! OR TAKE A SHOT AT THAT WATER PITCHER OVER THERE! I'LL PAY FOR IT IF IT BREAKS!

YIIIIII!

WON'T SHOOT, HUH?

BANG!

INSIDE, ADAMS! I'M HOLDING YOU FOR THE MURDER OF SHERIFF FAST! SAND, RUN THAT OTHER NUT OUT OF HERE!

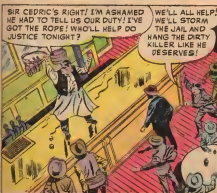
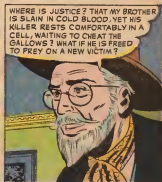
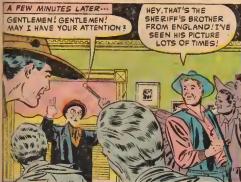
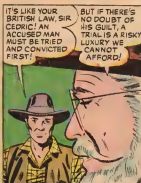
OKAY, JEFF, BUT YOU OUGHT TO HOLD HIM, TOO! THEY'RE PARTNERS!

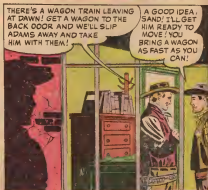
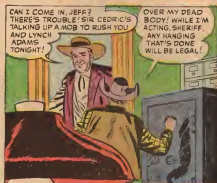
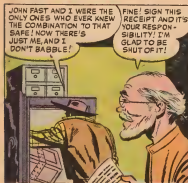
MINUTES LATER, A FRESH VOICE IS RAISED IN ACCUSATION AGAINST CHRIS... THAT OF HOWARD GLUMM...

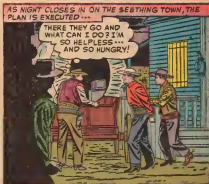
HE'S DEAD --- BUT YOU'LL PAY FOR IT, ADAMS!

I KNOW JUST HOW HOWARD FEELS, ADAMS! AS ACTING SHERIFF, IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO MAKE THAT HANGING QUICK!









WITH THE  
DAWN...

LOOKS AS IF WE GOT CLEAR OF TROUBLE! IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO LOAN US THIS WAGON, MISTER!

DON'T MENTION IT, SHERIFF! ALWAYS GLAD TO HELP THE LAW!



OH-OH! NOW IT STARTS! THOSE ARE SAND'S KILLERS!

HEY! WHAT TH---?



OOF!

GET GOING! GET THIS WAGON OUTTA HERE!

QUICK! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH ANOTHER WAGON AND GO AFTER THEM!



I KNOW BETTER THAN TO SAY THANKS!

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER GET UP THERE AND DRIVE!



CATCH THAT WAGON, BUT DON'T SHOOT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO! IT'S LOADED WITH DYNAMITE!

CLIMB ABOARD AND HANG ON! WE'LL CATCH 'EM!

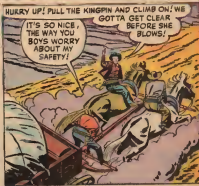


YOU DRIVE--AND NO MONKEY-SHINES! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF PURSUIT!

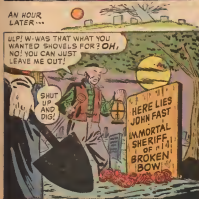
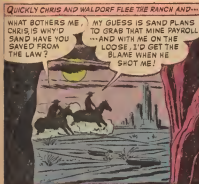
GO RIGHT AHEAD! DON'T MIND ME! I'VE GOT THE SAME GENERAL FUTURE WHETHER I OUTRUN THEM OR GET CAUGHT!



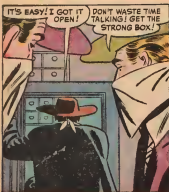
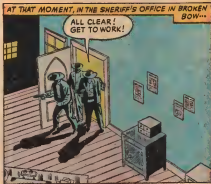
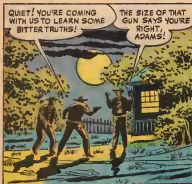
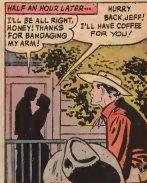








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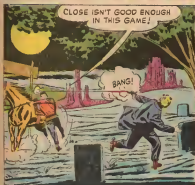
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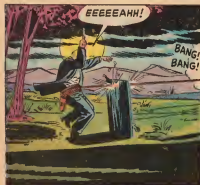


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UUP! HOWARD GLUMM! BUT WHA...WHY...?

SOME LIAR HAD TO SAY JOHN FAST WAS REALLY DEAD! WHEN GLUMM PLAYED ALONG WITH HIM, I KNEW HE WAS PART OF THE SCHEME!

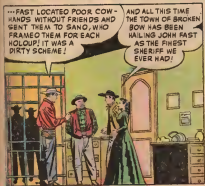


IT'S GETTIN' CLEARER, AND BE HUNTED ALL HIS LIFE? OH, NO! THIS WAY HE COULD TAKE ALL THE LOOT FROM HIS ROBBERIES AND LIVE IN EASE!



I RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT IT WAS A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GO TO!

NOT HALF THE TROUBLE OF DODGING THE REST OF HIS LIFE! HE AND SAND HAD WORKED THIS SCHEME FOR YEARS, PULLING HOLDUPS!



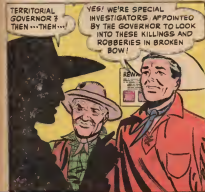
...FAST LOCATED POOR COW-HANDS WITHOUT FRIENDS AND SENT THEM TO SAND, WHO FRAMED THEM FOR EACH HOLOUP! IT WAS A DIRTY SCHEME!

AND ALL THIS TIME THE TOWN OF BROKEN BOW HAS BEEN HAILING JOHN FAST AS THE FINEST SHERIFF WE EVER HAD!



THE ONLY THING I AIN'T GOT FIGURED YET IS WHAT YOU TWO ARE DOING, MIXED UP IN IT, LIKE THIS!

THAT'S EASY TO ANSWER, JEFF! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WIRE THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR...



TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR? THEN...THEN...

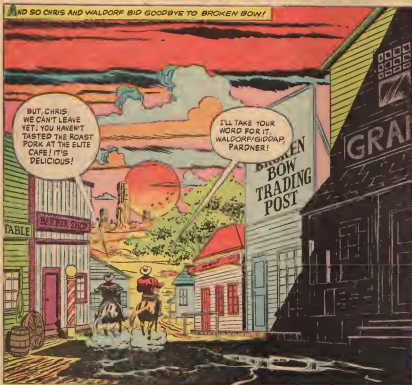
YES! WE'RE SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO LOOK INTO THESE KILLINGS AND ROBBERIES IN BROKEN BOW!



THAT PAPER IDENTIFYING US AS MURDERERS WAS FAKED! WALDORF AND I FIGURED THAT MIGHT GET US IN WITH THE REAL KILLERS!

YEP! ME AND CHRIS HAD EVERYTHING FIGURED RIGHT DOWN TO A "T."

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